

## September 27, 2008 Norcal Meeting Minutes

Lance Burrows brought the meeting to order at 10:10AM

During introduction Lance requested that each President state the number of teams that they will be fielding.

San Jose	Greg Swyt	9 A/B Teams
San Francisco	Sami Naffziger	4 A/B Teams
Capital Thunder	Robert Grande	6 A/B Teams
Tri Valley	Rich Wilcox	7 A/B Teams
Cougars	Chris Hathaway	7 A/B Teams
Oakland	Ian Fazzi	5 A/B Teams
Vacaville	Jerry Orlando	6 A/B Teams
Lake Tahoe	Mike Newberger	3 A/B Teams
Fresno	Eddie Martinho	5 A/B Teams
Stockton	Jerry Light	4 A/B Teams
Santa Clara	Norbert Tydingco	9 A/B Teams
North Stars	John Thompson	1 A/B Teams

### **Approval of Minutes from August 2, 2008 meeting.**

Minutes for August were approved. Rich Wilcox made a motion to approve the minutes and Eddie Martinho second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Motion carried.

### **President Report:**

Lance had received a call from new club in Mt Shasta who is interested in joining Norcal. Contact person is Kim Matson.

Girl's hockey is real close to collapsing. Seven girls at the Peewee/Bantam level left to go to L.A. Jamie Baker wants to get involved in the girls hockey but needs to bring his daughter back. Most of the girls went to LA Hockey. The person responsible for getting the girls to go south is the girl's commissioner. You would have thought that they would discourage this, as they won't have anyone to play.

The girl's president decided they are going to play even level. Now they will have to choose between the girl's teams and co-ed hockey teams.

Lance would like to see girl's hockey be promoted outside of San Jose Sharks and would like to form a committee on girl's hockey to promote the idea. Send Lance an email if you are interested in serving on the committee.

Involvement in Programs: Lance did not heard back from any clubs on the questions that he requested from the clubs on how to improve hockey in Northern California. He was looking for suggestion to submit to the San Jose Sharks also on how they can be more involved in Norcal. Lance is trying to take these suggestions to the Greg Jamison. He would be more than happy to come to your clubs and discuss these issues with your members.

Lance also felt that the Oakland rink and the Capital Thunders rink were being underutilized.

**General Manager Report:** The bids for the Pre-Select, Mite Jamboree and the A/B playoffs will be going out this week.

Pre – Select	December 13, 2008
Mite Jamboree	February 27 & 28, 2008
B Playoffs	March 13 & 14, 2008
A Playoffs	March 20 & 21, 2008
If Combined	March 20 & 21, 2008

We will entertain bids on one or bidding on both of the playoffs. Two rinks could coordinate to host both on the same weekend. We would like all the clubs and rinks to entertain the idea.

John handed out the California State games packets. This tournament is held on President Weekend.

The score sheets have been coming in good so far. A reminder that the players must be listed in Numerical order on the score sheets. Players have to line up numerical for the ref's to check off. Must get this inform to your team manager.

Rule 5.3 – Rules regarding score sheets. This rule describes what must be included on a score sheet. John will not enter stat if score sheets are not completed. John would be happy to go to your club and explain to your manager and score keeper what is necessary to complete a score sheet and answer any other questions.

Two issues have come up in regards to recruiting and some clubs are not clear on what recruiting is.

Rule 4.14 talks about club being responsible. You are responsible to inform your club members, coaches, team managers what is recruiting. Parents are sometimes the problems. You can not recruit if:

- A players has already signed with another club
- You can not offer benefits or mail out info to other clubs mailing list

- Can't encourage or allow your parents to solicit another parent or relative of a player to come to your club.

Sample: Program had a Summer Team. Mom or Dad started sending emails to the summer players when the director was on vacation. This is recruiting. Try to identify a problem early on if you think you have a situation.

Block Recruiting: Block recruiting is if you club has 25% of your players have come from another single club or 50% of your players on a team is from another single club. The team would not be eligible for playoff.

Releases: If you want to release a player it's up to the club. The club is not under any obligation to release them.

There are two types of releases:

Competitive Advancement: Release to move up to a higher level, B to A, A to AA, AA to AAA. Competitive release is not considered for playing up to higher age bracket.

Personal Release: Club can grant it, but if they sign an agreement or have been practicing with your teams, you are not obligated to release the player especially if it is going to put your team in jeopardy.

The club is in the driver seat and if you don't respond to their request and the player appeals it, John Hamer can release the player if there is no response from the club.

### **Vice President Report:**

Scholarships are due by Tuesday, September 30, 2008 by 5PM. Carla will reply to all the parents that applied after the decisions have been made.

### **Treasurer Report:** No report

**Secretary Report:** Norcal Three Stars of the Week. Darisa handed out the instruction for the submitting a Star of the Week. Please remember that they require a JPEG photo and preferably a head shot. You must give a complete description of the reason why or the play of the game that would make the players eligible to be considered. This is a time consuming task and the more information that is given the less time we have go back to the club coordinator for information.

If the president of your club is not going to be the person responsible for submitting the information, please provide Darisa with the coordinators name, phone number and email address.

**Webmaster Report:** Reported by John Hamer. The schedule for week 04 – 09/27-28/08 and week 05 – 10/4-5/08. Week 06 – 10/11-12/08 should go out this week. Please get back to him the score ASAP. Bubble week will be Week 07 – 10-18-19/08. Your teams may still be playing in the bubble week even if you know they are an A team to see how the other teams size up. It's critical that scores are enter within 90 minutes after the game is complete during these weeks.

Chuck is still looking for cell phone team managers, coaches and president.

**Roster Manager Report:** Upcoming important dates:

September 30, 2008 - Preliminary signed roster due.  
 October 30, 2008 – Final roster must be submitted with minimum required players.

**Referee in Chief Report:**

CAHA Tier Weekends begin 10/24-26/2008

CAHA Playoff Venues:

CAHA Tier Tournament (Peewee)	02/06/08	Toyota Sport Center, El Segundo
CAHA Tier Tournament (Bantam)	02/19-22/08	Valley Ice Center, Panorama City
CAHA Tier Tournament (Midget 16/18)	02/19-22/08	Ice Town Arena, Riverside
CAHA State B Tournament	03/27-29/08	Iceoplex, Escondido
CAHA State A Tournament	04/03-04/08	Iceoplex, Simi Valley

**IHONC Report:**

There have been 9 seminars to date with a total of 179 attending. Roseville had 22 and Dublin had 24 attendees.

General	Fresno	13 Attended	August 9, 2008
General	S Lake Tahoe	10 Attended	August 10, 2008
Two Day General	Fremont	37 Attended	August 13-14, 2008
Advance Level (Level three & up)	San Jose	11 Attended Beg 18 Attended Adv	August 30, 2008
Two Day – Mid Week	Oakland	14 Attended	September 3 - 4, 2008
General	Vacaville	30 Attended	September 7, 2008

Two more clinics has been added

General	Santa Rosa	11 signed up	October 18, 2008
General	San Jose	45 signed up	October 25, 2008

**CAHA:**

They are excited about the new CAHA president. Steve Laing has been appointed to finish out Charlie Fuertsch's term.

Joe Licolli and Lance Burrow will be on the executive committee.

**First Goal:**

- Stockton got theirs through USA Hockey.
- San Jose not sure if they got them. (Lance will check and see.)
- Vacaville got theirs but dealt with CAHA.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

Next Meeting will be held on October 18, 2008, location to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55AM

